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ROME FOR FAA SWITZER; BRUSSELS FOR FAA PACE; DEPT PASS FAA FOR
CARY AND CARMICHAEL

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SUBJECT: GOL REQUEST FOR FAA ASSISTANCE; BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT (BIA)

1. RCAA AND EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER MET WITH GOL DIRECTOR GENERAL
CIVIL AVIATION BEYDOUN AUGUST 17 WHO REQUESTED FAA ASSISTANCE ON
FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. BILLING FROM FAA COVERING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WO-1-109
FOR RECENT RADAR SITING STUDY PERFORMED BY FAA PERSONNEL FOR DGCA.

B. REQUEST FOR ONE FAA MEMBER OF RADAR SITING STUDY TEAM TO PROCEED
TO BEIRUT TO BRIEF DGCA BEYDOUN AND STAFF ON DETAILED FINDINGS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS EMANATING FROM THE RADAR SITING STUDY, TO BE
COVERED BY (PRESUMABLY) NEW MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.

C. REQUEST FOR FAA FLIGHT CALIBRATION AIRCRAFT (SABRELINER 75
OR CITATION) TO FLIGHT CHECK IN LEBANON TWO VOR'S (ONE AT BEIRUT
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ONE AT CHEKHA), TWO NDB'S (ONE AT BEIRUT,
ONE AT BAYSOUR), ONE DME (BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT), AND ONE
VASI (BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT). BEYDOUN STRESSES THESE FLIGHT
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CHECKS MUST BE EFFECTED AT LOW ALTITUDES AND ASKED IF THIS CREATES
ANY PROBLEM FOR FAA?

2. PRESENT WORK IN PROCESS AT BIA INCLUDES FOLLOWING:

A. RUNWAY 18-36 PRESENTLY BEING RESURFACED AND STRENGTHENED FOR
COMPLETION IN ABOUT EIGHT WEEKS. (RUNWAY 3-21 RESURFACING &

STRENGTHENING COMPLETED EARLIER IN YEAR).

B. NEW THOMSON-CSF CATEGORY 2 ILS WILL BE INSTALLED AND OPERATIONAL YEAR END 1977.

C. SABENIA SECONDARY RADAR INSTALLATION COMPLETED.

D. TWO NEW TOSHIBA VOR'S BEING INSTALLED (ONE COLOCATED WITH NEW DME AT BIA).

E. DETAILED DESIGN OF NEW EAST PASSENGER TERMINAL, WHICH WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE EXISTING CAPACITY, IN PROCESS OF PREPARATION, WITH CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED TO START BY EARLY 1978.

F. BIA PRESENTLY RECEIVING SCHEDULED SERVICE BY APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FOUR AIRLINED, WITH PASSENGER TRAFFIC NOW RUNNING AT ABOUT 600/0 OF 1974 LEVELS. (FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974 BIA HANDLED 2.7 MILLION PASSENGERS, INCLUDING TRANSITS.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPO NSE TO DGCA REQUESTS PARA 1.

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